

**House File 2342 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2126)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the composition of the board of massage  
2 therapy and the education requirements for licensed massage  
3 therapists.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 147.14, subsection 1, paragraph q, Code  
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 *q.* For massage therapists, four members licensed to practice  
4 massage therapy, two members who are instructors at a school  
5 of massage therapy in the state of Iowa, and three members ~~who~~  
6 ~~are not licensed to practice massage therapy and~~ who shall  
7 represent the general public.

8 Sec. 2. Section 152C.3, Code Supplement 2011, is amended  
9 by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the  
10 following:

11 **152C.3 Requirements for licensure.**

12 1. *a.* The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
13 to establish a procedure for licensing of massage therapists.  
14 The rules shall establish minimum educational requirements and  
15 specify and define the required massage therapy academic course  
16 units.

17 *b.* License requirements shall include the following:

18 (1) Graduation from an accredited high school or the  
19 equivalent.

20 (2) Graduation from a postsecondary educational institution  
21 offering academic credit or clock-hour training in a massage  
22 therapy curriculum approved by the board.

23 (3) Passage of a licensing examination given or approved by  
24 the board.

25 (4) Payment of a fee required by the board which shall  
26 compensate and be retained by the board for the costs of  
27 administering this chapter.

28 *c.* To be approved by the board an educational institution  
29 shall do all of the following:

30 (1) Require that applicants are at least eighteen years of  
31 age and have earned a diploma from an accredited high school  
32 or the equivalent.

33 (2) Require for graduation satisfactory completion of all  
34 coursework required by the educational institution and proof of  
35 passing an entry-level, competency-based examination.

1 (3) Award upon completion a certificate, diploma, or  
2 academic degree and transcripts.

3 (4) Maintain student records indefinitely.

4 (5) Pay a fee established by the board.

5 2. In addition to provisions for licensure, the rules shall  
6 include the following:

7 a. Requirements regarding completion of at least twelve  
8 hours of continuing education annually regarding subjects  
9 concerning massage and related techniques or the health and  
10 safety of the public, subject to reduction by the board if,  
11 after public notice and hearing, the board determines that the  
12 welfare of the public may be adequately protected with fewer  
13 hours.

14 b. (1) Requirements for issuance of a reciprocal license  
15 to licensees of states with license requirements equal to or  
16 exceeding those of this chapter. The rules shall provide for  
17 issuance of a temporary reciprocal license for licensees of  
18 states with lesser requirements.

19 (2) A person who applies for licensure from another  
20 state who provides satisfactory proof of having been  
21 licensed in another state for at least twelve months in the  
22 twenty-four-month period preceding the application submission,  
23 whose license is currently in good standing with that state,  
24 has no history of disciplinary action against such license,  
25 meets or exceeds Iowa's educational requirements, and has proof  
26 of passing an exam approved by the board may be considered for  
27 licensure by the board.

28 3. A massage therapist licensed pursuant to this chapter  
29 shall be issued a license number and a license certificate.

30 EXPLANATION

31 In order to be licensed under current law, a massage  
32 therapist must complete a massage education curriculum at a  
33 school approved by the board of massage therapy requiring at  
34 least 600 hours of supervised academic instruction. This bill  
35 eliminates the 600-hour requirement and substitutes specific

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1 educational requirements and requires approval of massage  
2 therapy schools by the board of massage therapy.

3 The bill also adds two representatives of massage schools to  
4 the board of massage therapy.